

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for mastopexy with augmentation, the apparatus comprising:

a vessel of an elastomeric material shaped as an outer covering of predetermined form and size;

a filler to maintain a volume of the vessel;

a back wall forming a surface for contact with tissue posterior thereto; and

a plurality of anchors extending substantially homogeneously from within and ~~extending from said~~ outwardly from the back wall of the vessel a distance selected to stabilize the anatomical position thereof and support gravitational loading thereon.

2. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the filler is selected from the group consisting of water, saline, silicone, silicone gel, sugar, hydrogel, and a combination of two or more thereof.

3. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the plurality of anchors ~~extend directly and substantially homogeneously from~~ is substantially homogeneous with the back wall.

4. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the elastomeric material is selected from the group consisting of a polymer, a reinforced polymer, an expanded polymer, and a combination of at least two thereof.

5. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the ~~polymer is an elastomer elastomeric material is a polymer~~.

6. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the ~~elastomer~~ polymer is a silicone compound.

7. (original) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the silicone compound is dimethylsiloxane.

8. (withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein the back wall comprises at least one embedded fiber.

9. (withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein at least two embedded fibers cross one another.

10. (withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the at least two fibers cross at substantially a right angle.

11. (withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the at least two fibers cross at an acute angle.

12. (withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the at least one embedded fiber runs in substantially a superior-inferior direction.

13. (withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the at least one embedded fiber runs in a substantially medial-lateral direction.

14. (withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the at least one embedded fiber extends diagonally with respect to a medial-lateral direction and a superior-inferior direction.

15. (withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the plurality of anchors comprises a substantially homogeneous extension of the vessel to receive a suture therethrough.

16. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the plurality of anchors comprises sutures.

17. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the plurality of anchors include a first anchor located at about the ten o'clock position and a second anchor at about the two o'clock position with respect to the back wall.

18. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the back wall is substantially circular and the plurality of anchors comprises anchors located at about the ten o'clock, two o'clock, five o'clock, and seven o'clock positions with respect to the back wall.

19. (withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the plurality of anchors includes a pre-positioned suture with a and surgical needle fixed directly thereto.

20. (withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the surgical needle has a protective covering to prevent rupture of the pocket and leakage of filling material.

21-27. (cancelled)

28. (new) An apparatus for mastopexy with augmentation, the apparatus comprising:
a vessel of an elastomeric material of predetermined form and size, the vessel including a back wall for contact with tissue posterior thereto;
a filler to maintain a volume of the vessel; and
a plurality of anchors each anchor thereof extending outwardly from the back wall of the vessel a distance selected to stabilize the anatomical position thereof and support gravitational loading thereon.

29. (new) An apparatus for mastopexy with augmentation, the apparatus comprising:
a vessel comprising at least one wall formed of an elastomeric material;
a filler placed within the vessel to maintain a volume thereof; and
a plurality of anchors each anchor thereof formed of non-elastomeric material and positioned to extend outwardly from within the at least one wall a distance selected to stabilize the anatomical position thereof and support gravitational loading thereon.